

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Nobel Peace Prize for 2011

Ms. Bineta Diop comment on the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize

Ms. Bineta Diop, Founder and Executive Director of Femmes Africa Solidarité, which in June 2011 bestowed the "African Gender Award" upon Ms. Johnson Sirleaf, noted "Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has been able to overcome obstacles in her journey to becoming the leader of Liberia, a country long devastated by war and political instability. She is a symbol for African women. The politics of reconstruction and rehabilitation that she is developing put Liberian women at the forefront of change. This is what merits the recognition of the international community. Her actions will inspire other African women who aspire to overcome glass ceilings, fill the highest offices, and become leaders in their communities". Bineta Diop also praised the important role played by Leymah Gbowee, by involving women in the resolution of the Liberian crisis, "Her commitment to the cause of African women and for the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 is unparalleled". Ms. Diop further stated that "through this award, all Liberian women have been recognized for their fight for peace".